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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR SCs/STs STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has approved a scholarship scheme for higher education for students of the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes as reported in `The Hindu` dated August 01, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed therefor;

(c) the amount provided to each student under this scholarship scheme and the number of students likely to be benefited therefrom; and

(d) the time by which the said scholarship scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has announced new Scholarship Schemes for the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes(STs) for pursuing higher studies beyond 12th class. The schemes have been made applicable from the current academic year. SC/ST students who secure admission in the notified institutions and whose total family income is Rs. 2.00 lakhs per annum, will be awarded the scholarship to meet the cost of
(i) tuition fee and other non-refundable charges,
(ii) boarding & lodging expenses,
(iii) books & stationery and
(iv) a latest computer with all required accessories. In the first year of implementation of the schemes, 1220 SC students and 635 ST students are likely to be benefited under the new schemes.